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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231	Application Number	09/828,211-Conf. #3660
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	Group Art Unit	1637
	Examiner Name	J. Tung
	Attorney Docket No.	NOG-0009

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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For: METHOD OF DETECTING MUTATION
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Official Action mailed October 25, 2002, and as a preliminary amendment for consideration with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below:

1. (twice amended) A method of detecting mutation in the base sequence of nucleic acid, including:

(A) a bonding step of hybridizing an object of analysis, consisting of nucleic acid or a nucleic acid fragment including a plurality of inspected sites to be subjected to inspection of mutation in the base sequence, with a plurality

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